However, Government have recently announced the revised rates of concession for decontrol phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, which recognises the nitrogen content for determining the level of concession, which would give the company a substantial relief.

The Company had earned profit up to the year 1997-98. However, during 1998-99 (upto Jan. 99), it has reported loss which is ascribed amongst other things to a sharp fall in both national and international seeling price of caprolactum and high interest liability.

The financial performance of FACT during the past few years are as under:

(Rs. Crore)

Year	Profit/Loss
1995-96	76.76
1996-97	61.78
1997-98	53.94
1998-99 (up to Jan. 99)	(−)47.00 (Prov.)

उर्वरक/यूरिया उत्पादन से संबंधित लंबित परियोजनाएं

472. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 31 जनवरी, 1999 के अंत तक उर्वरक/यूरिया उत्पादक संयंत्रों को स्थापित करने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास निजी क्षेत्र की कितनी परियोजनाएं लंबित हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका परियोजना-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं के संबंध में निर्णय लेने में विलम्ब होने के क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) इस संबंध में कब तक निर्णय लिये जाने की संभावना है; और

(ङ) इन परियोजनाओं की अनुमानित लागत कितनी है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० ए० के० पटेल): (क) से (ङ) औद्योगिक नीति विषयक दिनांक 24 जुलाई, 1991 के संकल्प के अनुसार उर्वरक/यूरिया संयंत्र की स्थापना करने के लिये लाइसेंस के रूप में केन्द्र सरकार की अनुमति सामान्यतः अपेक्षित नहीं है। इस प्रकार, उर्वरक/यूरिया संयंत्रों की स्थापना की अनुमति प्राप्त करने के लिये केन्द्र सरकार के पास निजी क्षेत्र के परियोजना प्रस्ताव लम्बित होने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

तथापि, "यूरिया" नियंत्रित उर्वरक होने के नाते नई यूरिया क्षमताओं की स्थापना करने हेतु निवेश निर्णय निजी क्षेत्र सहित, उच्चाधिकार प्राप्त उर्वरक मूल्य निर्धारण समिति की सिफारिशों के आलोक में पुनः तैयार की जा रही प्रतिधारण मूल्य निर्धारण स्कीम पर निर्भर करते हैं।

Expenditure in public sector fertilizer units

473. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure incurred in public sector fertilizer units during the last three years, yearwise, in respect of cost of production and wages of employees;

(b) whether working of public sector units is reviewed from time to time; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) Expenditure incurred by the public sector/cooperative fertilizer units on the cost of production and wages to employees during the last three years is as under:—

(Rs./Crore)

	COST OF PRODUCTION			SALARIES & WAGES		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
HFC	608.95	648.58	700.08	60.76	65.12	76.19
FCI	826.92	975.91	1150.00	82.87	69.97	79.64
PPL	895.20	640.18	1359.05	12.30	12.25	15.22
PPCL	81.60	105.42	112.55	16.79	20.36	25.89
MFL	579.98	594.44	489.25	35.93	30.20	24.60
RCF	1116.39	1189.96	1371.60	70.73	80.06	85.45
FACT	998.57	937.96	1018.62	113.23	103.61	116.30
NFL	1394.35	1392.38	1914.67	97.24	88.42	123.61
PDIL	1.26*	1.69*	0.80*	32.17	58.26@	44.61
IFFCO	1812.42	1919.42	3027.12	92.15	81.94	115.16
KRIBHCO	504.76	483.93	561.98	34.52	30.84	46.18

* Being engineering & consultancy company, the figures are for non-project capital expenditure.

@Including arrears.

[HFC — Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.

FCI — Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.

PPL — Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.

PPCL — Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.

MFL — Madras fertilizers Ltd.

RCF — Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.

FACT — Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd.

NFL — National Fertilizers Ltd.

PDIL — Projects & Development India Ltd.

IFFCO — Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd.

KRIBHCO — Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd.]

(b) and (c) The performance of fertilizer PSUs under the administrative control of this Department in reviewed from time to time by way of periodical reports. In addition, Quarterly Performance Review Meetings are held wherein indepth review of performance of the company with respect to important aspects like, production, finance, marketing and distribution, etc. is taken. The progress of major projects is also reviewed at regular intervals.

Guidelines for import of Urea

474. **SHRI SURESH KALMADI:** Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have compiled and issued guidelines for import of urea in the country;

(b) if so, the main points of those guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) and (b) The guidelines for the import of